

LEGAL: 702 KAR 7:140 HAS BEEN REVISED ESTABLISHING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO FOLLOW REGARDING SCHOOL CALENDARS.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

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CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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School Calendar

DEVELOPMENT OF CALENDAR

The Superintendent shall develop the school calendar in cooperation with a representative group from the school community. The Superintendent shall appoint the committee~~[, which shall include a member of the Board,]~~ no later than October 1 of the preceding year. The calendar shall be presented for Board consideration and approval on or before May 15th and shall include provisions for a reasonable number of make-up days. The Superintendent/designee shall develop procedures for requests to the Board by schools desiring to deviate from the District school calendar.

On or before May 15, the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, shall adopt a school calendar prior to each upcoming school year that establishes or includes:

[The calendar shall establish the following:]

1. Opening and closing dates of the school term,
2. Beginning and ending dates of each school month,
3. [Number and minimum] Days on which students are scheduled to receive instruction at school within designated start and dismissal times (student attendance days) and the length of each student attendance day in accordance with KRS 158.060,
4. A minimum school term of not less than one hundred eight-five (185) days composed of student attendance days, teacher professional days, and holidays,
5. A student instructional year of at least one thousand sixty-two (1062) hours of instructional time or not less than one-hundred seventy (170) student attendance days,
6. Instructional time required for kindergarten per KRS 157.320 [if in excess of the minimum three (3) hours of daily instruction],
7. Any instructional time to be banked to make up for full days that may be missed due to an emergency,
8. Days in addition to the student instructional year for the make-up of instructional time missed due to emergency equal to the greatest number of days missed system-wide over the preceding five (5) school years, and
9. Days on which schools shall be dismissed.[: and]

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

A testing window in accordance with KRS 158.6453 [and KRS 164.302] to accommodate state-mandated assessments shall also be included.

The Board may schedule days for breaks in the calendar that shall not be counted as part of the minimum [school term] student instructional year.

Schools shall be closed on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November in Presidential election years.

Schools shall be closed on the day of a regular or primary election, and those days may be used for professional development activities, professional meetings, or parent-teacher conferences.

School Calendar**AMENDING THE CALENDAR**

The Board may amend the school calendar after it is adopted due to an emergency. The Board may lengthen or shorten any remaining student attendance days by thirty (30) minutes or more, as necessary provided it meets at minimum, a student instructional year as defined in statute. No student attendance day may contain more than seven (7) hours of instructional time unless the District submits and receives approval from the Commissioner of Education for an innovative alternative calendar.

EMERGENCY WAIVERS

Emergency day waivers may be requested if the District has missed more than twenty (20) regular student attendance days and demonstrates that an extreme hardship will result if not granted the waiver. Board requests for District-wide emergency day waivers shall be submitted to the Commissioner.

REFERENCES:

702 KAR 7:130; 702 KAR 7:140
KRS 2.190; KRS 118.035
KRS 157.320; KRS 157.360
KRS 158.070; KRS 158.6453